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An informal collation of writings showing the SWP as an opportunist, reactionary organisation that sabotages radical, effective forms of direct action in order to bolster the image & numbers of itself, and of having an institutional history of being inactive in tackling, and of covering up, sexual assault, harassment and rape within its ranks by the powerful white men within it's central committee and general membership base.

Briefly touching on a select few other organisations and figures looking to dupe you out of your time, radical energy and money.

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Content Warning for: direct quotes of transphobia, ableism, queerphobia, details of sexual harassment, SA, rape

This is a very cobbled together zine of the work of people who have better writing skills and more time than mwa. It's a (more than it deserves to be) relatively comprehensive overview of the Labour-supporting opportunists formally known as the Socialist Workers Party, or more commonly, the SWP, swappers, hijackers, co-opters, 'largest revolutionary vanguard of the working people of the great United Kingdom' or whatever you like.

It'll (hopefully, and if you have any empathy or principles at all (and if you support the SWP externally (or if you've got a copy of this zine just to rag about it to your local chapter, send it to the central committee, or send your complaints to carmilladistro@grrlz.net, see if this rowdy tranny cares), you definitely don't)) (damn I love brackets) show that the SWP has a concerted history of protecting abusers in their ranks, misogyny, the co-opting of struggles to bolster their ranks and disillusioning would-be radicals.

It's largely not going to focus on any of the other trashfires of political orgs or figures like the redfash transphobes of CPGB-ML, Red Youth, (IMCWP, Lalkar, Proletarian TV), the lapdogs of Putin, Stalin, North Korea's **"just cause of peace"**, Lukashenko, al-Assad (gas attack denialism) and China (denying rights abuses in Xinjiang), supports TERFs like Julie Bindel, Helen Joyce, & (their very own Vice Chair) **"anti-woke"** Joti Brar and platforms RT 'journalist' & antisemitic sexual abuser CPI-USA's founder Caleb Maupin, celebrates the presence of Russian nazi paramilitary Wagner group in Africa, opposes the **"vilification and intimidation"** of notorious crybaby TERF Kathleen Stock by **"an aggressive, corporate-backed transgender lobby."**, opposes the **"Transgender Trend"** and the **"domination of our university campuses by anti-material transgender ideologists"**, the **"mass trans delusion hurting our children"**, promotes that trans people are **"vultures who push this sick idea onto kids"** and **"should be treated as a mental disorder"**, and who expel members who **"promote LGBT ideology"**.
All mixed with the standard incoherent 'Marxist' rambling buzzwords about **"idealism"**, **"individualism"**, **"LGBT ideology"**, **"materialism",** claiming to be the **"purveyors of truth"**.

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The SWP and its Labour allies are determined to prevent any serious action against the racism of the British government, media, police, armed forces and businesses like G4S and Jomast.

On two successive weekends they have shown complete contempt for migrants who have suffered such racism. They would not allow any mention of the role played by Labour politicians in reinforcing state racism: people like Sarah Champion, until recently Labour minister for women and equalities, who used *The Sun* to declare that 'Britain has a problem with British Pakistani men raping and exploiting white girls... These people are predators and the common denominator is their ethnic heritage.' Their position is completely reactionary. MAJF will continue to fight state racism in Newcastle, and will not tolerate any censorship of its views and activities by either the Labour Party or the SWP.

I suppose, in conclusion, fuck the SWP, fuck those that defend the SWP, fuck those that deny the grevious harm the SWP has committed against women for decades, fuck those that still happily welcome SWP's cooption of our struggles, our struggles against transphobia, our struggles against racism, our struggles against misogyny, our struggles against the onslaught of Leviathan in our lives.

Do not join SWP.

Do not take SWP placards at our protests they hijack.

Do not take SWP leaflets at their silly little stalls. (If you do, make sure they see you throw it straight in the bin)

Do not let SWP 'protest stewards' control your action.

Do not let SWP hijack our lives and issues.

Or Pro-Saddam, Pro-Brexit, and vile queerphobe George Galloway, who says that "**Hong Kong protests are a 'Trojan Horse'"** and **"dupes paid by the US".**

Or the *other* **"People's Brexit"** CPB (YCL, Challenge, Communist Review, Communist Women, Unity!, Morning Star) who **"welcome [...] the decision in the Maya Forstater case"** and believe a **"person's 'sex' is a material reality"**, state in their upcoming 56th congress executive domestic resolution that trans people are **"reactionary elements in the LGBT+ movement"** who's **"anti-class individualism"** is **"reject[ing] women's lived experience"**, whilst claiming to also be in support of **"people in gender transition"**, warns against the apparent **"sterilisation of autistic children at 'gender clinics'"** and they DARE have a 'LGBT+ Liberation' section on their site (bearing just two articles, the lowest number of articles of them all) while publishing their transphobic rag Communist Women, who's latest issue March 2023 is dominated by positive reviews of TERF events the 'feminist writers' went to, describes being against English-nationalism as a **"woke syndrome"**, Edinburgh CPB's transphobic 'Women's officer' and Communist Women writer Emily Weir even has a selfie of her smiling with fascist TERF Posie Parker as her public FB profile picture along with a post expressing her avid support for her, next to her praising Theresa May's intelligence.

Or (to put it lightly) third positionist nationalists Gwlad, that celebrate Musk's purchasing of Twitter(sorry I mean 'X' lol) **"signify[ing] that the era of cancel culture is coming to an end."**, accusing **"leftist Big Tech giants of Twitter and Facebook"** of censoring them (taking into account their Gower FB group is entirely posts of member Wayne Erasmus posting incoherent messes, including covid conspiracies, and that their chairmember Siân Caiach is buddybuddy with Robin Burn who believes vaccines turned his daughter autistic and the validity of batshit pseudo'science' homoeopathy's ultra dilutions, posted on her failed People First Wales party's blog). Promising **"alternative viewpoints concerning the covid narrative"**, weirdo fascist conspiracist blogger Royston Jones, better known as Jac o' the North (but we don't have time for his buckwild can of worms) is also apparently a founding member (for a party so obsessed with the 'clarity' and 'transparency' of other parties and Welsh Gov, they sure keep all of their internal business and board under tight wraps, not even listing their paid staff basically anywhere).

In a recent 'formal reply' to 'allegations' (a brief twitter(sorry I mean 'X' lol) thread by one guy) against the party, prefaced by a naked groyper pepe frog for some reason,

the pro conversion therapy, anti-abortionist, Enoch Powell fanboy, policy coordinator and self described **"evangelical Christian"** Stephen John Morris, 54 years old, can be found living at his £834,000 home at 103 Woodfield Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HU, or where his 'publishing company' (website with his one translation of someone else's book) is registered, his £325,000 second home at 9 Victoria Park Road West, Cardiff, CF5 1EZ, defends convicted neonazi EDL founder Tommy Robinson's **"freedom of speech"**, says that it is **"so ridiculous and childish"** that he won't even waste his time responding to suggestions that Donald Trump is a fascist and goes on to suggest Trump has actually achieved **"progressive objectives"**, which really ironically suggests a ridiculous and childish understanding of politics (especially having been released on 31st of May in the year of our ShitLord **2023**).

Or even Plaid Cymru (especially in hindsight of the release of the Prosiect Pawb report in May detailing a culture **"of sexual harassment, bullying and discrimination"** inside the party, with **"inaction over many years"** and **"lack of [...] procedures in place to deal with sexual harassment"** (taken inspiration from SWP I see), shielding transphobic MPs and runners like self-avowed 'Gender Critical Feminist' Helen Mary Jones (now on the board for Social Care Wales being paid £300 a day until 2026), opposed changes to the Gender Recognition Act, held speeches with TERF hate group Woman's Place UK, and tweeted:

"Gender critical feminists are not attacking trans people. We are asking questions."

She supported University of Reading's Holocaust denier and TERF professor Rosa Freedman (better known by her twitter(sorry I mean 'X' lol) handle: @Goonerprof, welp who's the 'sex obsessed perverts' now then?)
who denied that queer people had been victims in the Holocaust. Or like rampant Green party TERF activist Anne Greagsby (rest in piss bozo) who was allowed to run under the Plaid ticket in 2016, protested Vale of Glamorgan's changes to sex education and ran a vile blog WelshWomensVoice and a twitter(sorry I mean 'X' lol), where she said such rancid bile as **"This trans cult mania is being pushed on us by the porn industry and pharmaceutical industries"**, and on the very day of her "sudden death" she retweeted a Medium piece detailing **"The Move to Erase Women from Periods, Pregnancy, and Parenting"** (presumably right before her brain shorted from the decade of transphobic brain rot and she slumped in her floral armchair) where her transphobic legacy (even up to filing Freedom of Information Act requests under her name months after her death, now I'm no legal expert buuuuut....)

and constantly harassed MAJF supporters. In response, MAJF protesters sought help from the local Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) who were holding a nearby stall with Newcastle Labour councillor Mick Bowman, along with a group of SWP members. MAJF appeals were rejected, with the SWP claiming that FRFI were causing disunity on the left.

However, after a period of time, it became apparent to the PSC and the SWP that their stance was untenable, and they joined the MAJF demonstration. However, rather than support MAJF, the SWP members in particular tried to turn it into a political circus by engaging in a shouting match with the EDL, with continuous chants of 'Nazi scum'. When Jalloh, the victim of unlawful curfew, tried to use the open mic to speak about state racism and immigration detention, Daniel Kebede, a leading member of Newcastle SWP, complained that he shouldn't be talking about such issues and concentrate only on the EDL.

In response to the success of the Migration Forum protest, the SWP called a protest a week later on 19 August in order to reframe anti-racist action in Newcastle as purely anti-EDL. Its concept of protest was politically utterly backward and opportunist. For more than an hour from its start at 12pm, the event involved blasting out Bob Marley with no speeches whatsoever.

FRFI supporters spoke to the SWP, arguing that a lot of people had turned out (about 100), and that there were migrants who wanted to speak about their experiences, so when were there going to be any speeches? The SWP responded that the EDL were due to show up at 1pm and so they weren't going to start any speeches until then. Jalloh and a woman migrant, both MAJF members who have experienced the unrelenting racism of the British immigration system, had to argue with the SWP and Shumel Rahman, leading member of Newcastle Unites, for their right to speak at the rally. Shumel told a woman migrant that she could speak, but only about rape, and he told Jalloh he could speak for a mere 30 seconds, and only about the EDL.

Both ignored these restrictions, and emphasised the need to strike racism at its roots in the British state. In the end the EDL did not bother to show up.

The SWP claimed that there was the odd EDL member on the fringes whom they had scared off and at 1.30pm, unilaterally ended the protest.

As a result of their actions, the police will feel they have a free hand to disrupt the work of left organisations, arrest their members and raid their homes.

Newcastle SWP is now trying to justify Newcastle Unites' behaviour whilst claiming that they themselves played no active role in identifying people for the police to arrest. What hypocrisy! Their claim that FRFI had compromised Newcastle Unites' security by identifying the venue of their planning meetings is hogwash:
The secrecy was not through fear of EDL attacks but to keep militant anti-fascists out.

This is no way to fight fascism.

Fighting racism in Newcastle
-RCG, August 2017

Text available at: https://tinyurl.com/RCGnSWP

However, this repression has bred resistance, and migrants, asylum seekers and other working class people in Newcastle have joined forces to fight back. They face not just state racism, but the forces of the opportunist left, which in the guise of the SWP censors the views of migrants and seeks to restrict the fight against racism to a shouting match with the EDL.

On 12 August, supporters of Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism! North East joined a Newcastle protest against Home Office-imposed tags and curfews on asylum seekers. The protest was organised by the Migration and Asylum Justice Forum (MAJF) in support of Jalloh, one of its members who had been put on a curfew by the Home Office and is pursuing justice through the High Court. The Court of Appeals ruled in May 2016 that such curfews were unlawful. MAJF opposes both tagging and curfews on the grounds that, as part of Britain's racist immigration laws, they are used to monitor and restrict the freedom of movement of migrants.

Dozens of people attended the demonstration. However, the English Defence League (EDL) had organised a counter-mobilisation to make political gains out of recent convictions in Newcastle of a grooming gang,

is being carried on by her husband Max Wallis, where you can find him at 48 Westbourne Road, Penarth, CF64 3HF (or @maxWallis on twitter(sorry I mean 'X' lol) where he spits incoherent boomer shit, gaining zero likes constantly, mfers need to just get a hobby) (do with this publicly available information what you will).

OR even Welsh Labour themselves, allowing transphobic county councillor Sue Lent to take a third consecutive term on the council until 2027 for the Plasnewydd ward, alongside Dan De-Ath, Mary McGarry and Peter Wong without complaint. Saying that **"gender identity is something different and lots of people are being brainwashed into thinking they have one"**, protested against the LGBTQ+ action plan with transphobic hate group Merched Cymru literally outside the Senedd, in November 2022 shared a SexMatters petition calling to abolish the validity of a gender recognition certificate and change the equality act to only protect **"biological sex"** (which just started petitions committee 'debate' on the 12th of June 2023, lead by labour MP for the Gower Tonia Antoniazzi, who also spoke at TERF hate group FiLiA's 2022 conference in Cardiff alongside Rosie Duffield, Julie Bindel, Maya Forstater and many other notable TERFs), Lent is also vehemently pro conversion therapy for trans people, saying that the move to ban conversion therapy is **"virtue-signalling"** and **"political point-scoring with little benefit and a risk of harm to children & young people"** and argues in favour of 'therapy' for 'autogynephilia', asks **"Why are councils getting drag queens to read stories to children?"** alongside a DailyMail slander piece in response to Cardiff Library singular 2022 drag queen story hour.

Now that's just a (albeit not really very) brief canoodling with just a small selection of bullshitters, reactionaries, out & out TERFs and opportunists, not even mentioning other more international, national or local bullshitters like any Tory, fascist, 'esoteric Rhodesian, neo-bolshevik, Orthodox Catholic' fashwave pepe pfp twitter(sorry I mean 'X' lol) poster or 'true anti-imperialist' state bootlickers spread over the internet and worming their way into your life, the misogynist McEvoy's Propel party, the *other other* CPBML, Socialist Party, or the many fascists and bigots hiding and not so hiding in the 'Indy first, everything else last' Yes Cymru 'movement'.

Those are all many, many different zines. But today. It's SWP time.

Preface, that I, personally, do not endorse the views of the following individuals or orgs' opinions, just using their information for my own nefarious anarchofag agenda.

WHO ARE THE SWP!?

- Eòin MacCoinneach, Facebook, June 2020

Text available at: https://tinyurl.com/Chap1SWP

If you are new to activism in the UK, please read!

I think it's necessary to offer a wee history of the SWP for new activists who don't know who they are.

I'll start with trying to name all their "front orgs"...
Stop the War Coalition (StWC)
Stand Up To Racism (SUTR)
Unite Against Fascism (UAF) formerly Anti-Nazi League (ANL)
Rock Against Racism (RAR)
Right To Work Campaign (RTW)
The Socialist Worker (newspaper)
Socialist Review (magazine)
Women's Voice (publication)
Black Lives Matter*
*The Party has frequently used the name 'Black Lives Matter' to organise and advertise their events whether it be the name of their event on Facebook or plastered on their generic looking placards. They are in no way affiliated with the BLM movement.

An Incomplete History

Previously known as the International Socialism Group (IS), the group aligned with Trotskyism and adopted a "Socialism from below" tactic in building a workers movement. It was heavily involved in the anti-Vietnam war movement particularly in the student area where it gained a lot of its first wave of members. At this time (late 60s) there was also the question of their position on Ireland. This is a quote from an article in the Socialist Worker:

> **"The breathing space provided by the presence of British troops is short but vital. Those who call for the immediate withdrawal of the troops before the men behind the barricades can defend themselves are inviting a pogrom which will hit first and hardest at socialists."**

Morris had voted for the bombing of Libya, which contributed to the deaths of 60,000 Libyans and the devastation of the country's infrastructure. When we demanded an apology from Simpkin and others for their violence, Simpkin emailed our national office on 21 May threatening 'further action' if all reports of the attack were not removed from our website and Newcastle FRFI members banned from using the website. The posts remain for all to see.

The sensitivity of the SWP to the heckling of a Labour MP is in keeping with their determination to protect Councillor Ahad who voted for £100 million cuts to Newcastle services and jobs earlier this year. In turn, Ahad is happy to insult Asian youth. Commenting on a counter-protest to the EDL in March this year, Ahad wrote:

"The police did a fantastic job ... I'm also concerned with about some of our Asian youths who get excited and also want to cause trouble for the sake of it and have no respect for the police!"

What he is admitting is that Asian youth will not listen to him – and why should they. given his support for the cuts and his membership of the racist and imperialist Labour Party?

On 15 May Newcastle Unites wrote to FRFI saying that if FRFI supporters tried to join the march,
"you will not be welcome and we shall take all necessary steps to ensure that you play no part of these activities."

This was followed by a Facebook post in which councillor Ahad warned those he considers **'disruptive'** that:

'I assure you that you will be thrown out of the demo and the public meeting by our stewards who will be many. You will also be reported to the police for causing disorder!'

On 23 May FRFI received an email from Northumbria Police which stated that Newcastle Unites had informed them FRFI would not be welcome on the protest. The next day, police stood outside a Newcastle Unites public meeting with a list of names of those who would be barred from the meeting.

Police agents

Newcastle Unites acted as police agents. They deliberately exposed our comrades and others to very serious charges: the police detained the comrades on the grounds of **'conspiracy to cause violent disorder'**.

Six complainants came together, compiled evidence and brought their case to the branch which they refused to investigate. You can read the blog here:
https://SWPcrisis2020.blogspot.com/

Statement on events in Newcastle on 25 May
- FRFI Manchester, Facebook, May 2013

Text available at: https://tinyurl.com/FRFiSWP

On 25 May, as the racist English Defence League (EDL) marched through Newcastle, police arrested 14 anti-fascists, detained them for up to 10 hours, and raided their homes, seizing computers and mobile phones. Seven FRFI supporters were among the detainees. They were seized half-an-hour before the counter-demonstration organised by Newcastle Unites was due to assemble.

In the weeks before the EDL march, Newcastle Unites, a coalition of Labour councillors, local trade union officials and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), was determined to exclude FRFI and other militant anti-fascists from its march. Its planning meetings were held in secret and its members physically assaulted FRFI supporters to exclude them. On the day of the march, Newcastle Unites stewards colluded openly with Northumbria police to identify our comrades for arrest. The EDL demonstration, against the creation of an Islamic faith school, had been planned for some months. FRFI in Newcastle has a record of fighting fascism in unity with other forces.

Despite this record, on 7 May 2013 SWP District Organiser Yunus Bakhsh and Newcastle TUC Secretary James Simpkin violently prevented FRFI supporters from attending an organising meeting, assaulting and using sexist language against a female comrade. During the attack Labour councillor Dipu Ahad, the figurehead for Newcastle Unites, stood by and watched.
FRFI was told that we were being excluded from Newcastle Unites because we had heckled Labour MP Grahame Morris at a May Day rally in 2012.

The call from the people of Ireland being “Troops Out!” was rejected by the Party. This stance was deeply unpopular and saw many new activists and organisers become sceptical or leave the party entirely.

This tactic of inserting the Party into the latest movement became a frequent tactic and is still prevalent today. During the miners strike for example the then “IS” membership grew by around 50% through the distribution of its newspapers to striking workers.

The IS changed its name in 1977 to the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) this was due to the Party now seeking to stand in elections. This rebranding was also meant to reassure its members and potential members that the Party was moving forward despite being in decline. It was also meant to be the start of a new era where the Party would now attempt to initiate new movements rather than insert itself into existing ones. This would see a tactical change which brought about the formation of many front organisations.

In 1977 they launched the Anti-Nazi League (ANL) in reaction to the growing presence of National Front (NF). Around the same time, Rock Against Racism (RAR) was formed, mostly as a result of Eric Clapton's public support of Enoch Powell. Women’s Voice was also founded around the same time which was the Party’s feminist wing and magazines such as Flame, aimed at “ethnic minorities”.

The rise in the far-right saw an increase in membership as more activists were on the street but by 1980, National Front became fragmented and less popular so naturally this saw an end to the need for militant anti-fascism around the country. This also meant less members for the SWP which started to decline in the early 80s and it turned back to its propagandist approach to gaining members. Street stalls and newspapers.

Women’s Voice was shut down in 1982 much to the dismay of many existing members who felt that this was to ignore women’s oppression. Some also criticised WV for simply inserting feminist theory into the party without actively trying to gain more women members.

In the early 90s, the ANL was able to relaunch in opposition to the BNP. After the murder of Stephen Lawrence, who was killed by racists near the BNP headquarters, the SWP were accused of using his name to gain support and members, Stephen's mother eventually got so frustrated that she demanded they stop using his name.

In 1997, despite being deeply unpopular with the left, the SWP asked people to vote for Tony Blair’s Labour Party. The party thought that once New Labour was voted in, the public would become disillusioned with their policies and this would allow members to turn to more radical factions,

thus an increase in members to the SWP. This tactic would arguably prove successful with the Blair/Bush invasion of Iraq.

In the early 00s the Party attempted to form socialist alliances throughout the UK. The Socialist Alliance (SA) in England and Welsh SA. Whilst its members in Scotland joined the growing Scottish Socialist Party (SSP). The SWP quickly ran these alliances into the ground, being accused of financial impropriety by socialist feminist barrister Liz Davies. In Scotland, the SSP continued to grow but not for long.

After 9/11 the party approached the Communist Party of Britain and the Muslim Association of Great Britain to form the Stop the War Coalition. However it was SWP members who occupied all the most senior positions within the organisation. The Muslim Association was also a very conservative group, whose only shared interest was anti-western sentiment. They endorsed George Galloway's uncritical support for Hezbollah, whilst Lindsey German, a founding member of the StWC commented that:

> **"I'm in favour of defending gay rights, but I am not prepared to have it as a shibboleth, [created by] people who ... won't defend George Galloway"**

This type of reactionary behaviour would prove to be a pattern in defending the white male figureheads of the SWP and its political allies.

According to some sceptics, the SWP were not against the war but in favour of Saddam Hussein.
John Rees, another officer of Stop the War, commented:

> **"Socialists should unconditionally stand with the oppressed against the oppressor, even if the people who run the oppressed country are undemocratic and persecute minorities, like Saddam Hussein."**

Whilst this dialogue between centrist journalists and the SWP seems to be more like a point-scoring game between pro-Blair and anti-war, it is clear that the attitude of the left at the time was against the invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq. It is more likely that the public had a much more nuanced opinion on their anti-war sentiment than people like George Galloway. It is also a stretch to say that the SWP were not anti-war, it is more realistic to say that their priorities were not in politically nuanced / strategic debate but in gaining membership from the grassroots movement, mostly devoid of party political interest.

Rather than seeing the campaign as a struggle against state racism, the SWP argued that such dedication to the campaign advocated support for black separatism and expelled him for being part of an **'unconscious faction'**.

UCU Left / #MeTooUCU:

The 'UCU Left' is a faction within the UCU (University and College Union) consisting of mostly SWP members. In February 2020 a blog was published by an anonymous whistleblower with their account of sexual assault and list of intentions/outcomes they wish to see.

Here is an excerpt:

"(2) That the significant reach of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) within certain parts of the union be exposed so that the rape apology culture that permeated the 2013 Comrade Delta scandal in the SWP not be allowed to further contaminate the UCU;"

Shortly after this was published, another blog popped up, written by 2 additional victims of abuse who wanted to give their own version of events and highlight similar issues within the Union and Party albeit with differing conclusions.

"We were at the core of the Union complaint lodged under Rule 13. This was an extremely stressful and prolonged process which was not helped by the difficult procedure under Rule 13, and it was made unbearable by the fact that the abuser was able to use the process and his UCU and SWP friends at local, regional and national level to further the abuse through silencing and ostracising us."

SWP Tyneside:

Another case of SWP leadership failing to investigate several complaints of bullying, misogynistic and sexist culture in the Newcastle branch. Then subsequently defending and protecting leadership.

"We left the Socialist Workers' Party because their leadership refused to address issues of misogyny and oppression within the Tyneside branch. We will not be silenced, or allow these issues to be swept aside."

A special conference was held in which the central committee insisted the report about the complaint against Martin Smith **"that no rape had occurred"** be accepted.

One of the members who left as a result of this was replaced by Julie Cherry on the central committee. Incidentally Julie's father was a member of the disputes committee who found the allegation of misconduct against Smith **"not proven"**.

By 2014 the SWP lost around 700 members as a result of the allegations and handling of the case. This was the most public scandal around these issues but it has been noted that around the same time there were more people coming forward with allegations of sexual assault within the party that may not have been specifically the same abuser. These are thought to have also been "swept under the carpet". Thus the Party has rightfully been branded as "rape apologists".

The SWP continue to insert themselves into the latest movements in hope of gaining more members to their supposed political party but it is hard to see this as anything other than a predatory for-profit business that operates by preying on young and enthusiastic leftists who are unaware of their history. They continue to be a thorn in the side of every grassroots movement as seen by their co-optation of Black Lives Matter today.

Additional case studies:

The Bradford 12:

If you're not aware, the case of the Bradford 12 was a pivotal case in challenging the state's attempt to criminalise black communities.

You can read about it over at https://tinyurl.com/Bradford12SWP or check out Episode 33/34 of Working Class History podcast.

From the outset, the campaign brought together a diverse array of individuals and organisations including members of the SWP, which ultimately brought them internal conflict. Trotskyite organisations in general took the position that the Bradford 12 were **"black separatists"** and did not prioritise support for the campaign.

Following the Bradford 12 campaign, the SWP expelled two dedicated anti-racist organisers from their organisation. Geoff Robinson was one of those expelled. Geoff campaigned selflessly for the Bradford 12, who had become his comrades and friends.

In any case, it was unsurprising when another coalition emerged and this time with Galloways Respect Party, called 'Respect - The Unity Coalition' which lasted between 2004-07. Though the SWP and Galloway have much in common in how they like to insert themselves at the front and centre of grassroots movements, the inevitable split came due to massive egos on both sides.

The pattern of supporting male-egos would not stop here, when in 2006 the SWP put their energy behind Tommy Sheridan's Solidarity Party after his split from the SSP. Tommy Sheridan, having been accused of adultery, caused a split in the SSP when he refused to admit his mistakes and instead brought the then successful party into oblivion. The Scottish parliamentary left has never recovered from this and to this day, only a handful of leftists sit in parliament across the Greens, SNP and Labour.

In 2004, the SWP allowed jazz musician Gilad Atzmon to play at their events and promoted the artist as a **"fearless tirade against Zionism"**.

Gilad was a right-wing anti-semite and holocaust denier, who once stated:

> **"I'm not going to say whether it is right or not to burn down a synagogue, I can see that it is a rational act"**

Zine addition:

Atzmon also believes in an international plot of "**the American Jewry**" orchestrating control of The West; "**The current mess in Iraq is the direct outcome of Jewish political domination of the West for the last two decades.**"

He believes that gay rights are "**actually funded largely by the liberal Zionist George Soros and his Open Society Institute.**" and is "**attempting to introduce liberal ideas to Arabs and Muslims in an attempt to undermine their culture.**"

His Holocaust denial is often him 'just asking questions' (we know what that means...); "**We should ask for some conclusive historical evidence and arguments rather than follow a religious narrative that is sustained by political pressure and laws.**", "**What is the holocaust religion there to conceal?**".

But he will also sometimes outwardly state his denialism; "**the Holocaust narrative, in its current form, doesn't make any historical sense**" (he may aswell be signing off all of his ramblings with 'Wooden Doors' at this point). And ofcourse he believes that he is not antisemitic and that this is all some insidious plot to discredit and 'cancel' him as a raging antisemite by the media.

In his 2013 very weird and frankly, incomprehensible defence of Martin Smith (the Central Committee's chief rapist), "**Sax Offender Vs. Progressive Rapists**", he states that there is a "**Judeocentric tribal coalition**" of "**Jewish gate-keepers and tribal operators**", "**Sabbath Goyim**" and "**tribal campaigner**[s]" attempting to "**bring [him] down simply because he didn't obey his tribal masters**" and that, if anything "**it is Martin who is the rape victim in this saga [...] because he refused to bow down to the tribal junta.**". But spends basically all of the piece saying that the allegations are really all about himself; "**[they] chase Smith because he is a Jazz lover and an enthusiastic fan of my music.**", "**because he gave me a platform**", which is, well, entirely bullshit.

Atzmon had played at least 14, from what I could find, gigs, speeches and fundraisers for the SWP stretching from the summer of 2004 up until winter of 2007. Despite multiple critiques from internal SWP members about the platforming of Atzmon, the SWP continued supporting him and publishing at least 8 entirely positive reviews of his performances and albums, even after prominent Jewish anti-zionist activist Tony Greenstein expose Atzmon's continued behaviour as an explicit Holocaust denier in 2008.

This is all until late 2010 when many of the Socialist Review and Socialist Worker's articles on Atzmon are wiped from the sites and much of their affiliation is severed.

~~Gilad was platformed by the SWP for 2 years before the party cut ties with him.~~ Proving again, a pattern of rejecting nuanced opinion in favour of reactionary views that fit their agenda along with hollow slogans. The only goal being co-opting movements in order to gain members.

In 2011 Chris Bambery resigned from the party arguing that it was ridden with factionalism, that he had learned about the founding of RTW from Party Notes and that the party has no credible strategy to fight the government's cuts. Bambery's resignation was followed by 38 members in Scotland.

This flow of membership in and out of the party continues today, not just from senior committee members but from activists on the ground who tend to be young people brought out onto the street by the latest grassroots movement. The danger the SWP causes to the Left mostly lies here.

In their co-optation of events and aggressive recruitment tactics, they often deter enthusiastic activists altogether or take their energy and use it to recruit more new members. As Chris Bambery notes that there is "no real strategy" within the Party against the cuts. Similarly there was no real strategy to the anti-war campaign or indeed the anti-racism campaign before that. The priority lies in recruitment.

CW: Sexual Assault, Rape

In 2013 allegations were brought to the party that the then national secretary Martin Smith (aka Comrade Delta) had sexually assaulted and raped a 19yr old female member. This came after years of allegations and issues with Smith, which were continually ignored or dismissed. Much of the early criticism around the case was aimed at the fact that the police were never involved, in a leaked transcript, one member commented that the party;

"had no faith in the bourgeois court system to deliver justice".

Journalist Laurie Penny noted that the allegations were investigated and dismissed by friends of the accused, adding that the victim and her friends were harassed by other party members. The party's Central Committee, stated that the issue was an internal matter, insisting that **"we strongly condemn"** the release of the conference transcript and that **"this case is closed"**.

The Guardian reported that the woman was asked a number of offensive questions about her sexual past and drinking habits. That instead of actually dealing with the rape allegation, the SWP preferred to talk about its internal organisation, thereby protecting its leadership. Less than a year later further allegations of rape were made internally against another party member.